



March 27, 2020

Dear District 95 Families and Staff,

I hope you have been enjoying your Spring Break and finding new ways to celebrate family time while also staying safe.

At this time, we are expecting communication from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Governor's office regarding any additional closures beyond April 7. This information will impact our district plans beyond April 7, and we will communicate in greater detail once we understand the guidance from these State leaders.

I want you to know that many of our staff and administrators have been working very hard all week to enhance our eLearning plans that include opportunities to bring teachers and students together virtually. One example of this includes the distribution of devices for our K-3 students; we have now distributed devices, one-to-one, to every K-12 student (for those who desired one). I will be sending more information about our enhanced eLearning plans in the next few days, as we continue to wait for additional information from the State. However, as I have previously stated, I believe very strongly that we have a moral responsibility to continue to do the right thing by our children and provide them with learning experiences that continue to challenge their thinking and engage all learners in appropriate educational experiences to the best of our ability, and we will continue to do just this!

APRIL AND MAY EVENTS

Please know, we are aware that our students, families, and staff are anxiously awaiting word about school as well as various activities and events that are important to them. We are mindful of this and will communicate any additional cancellations once we have received our guidance from the State.

I am particularly sympathetic toward our high school seniors, who have looked forward to several typical rites of passage such as Prom, Senior Honors Night, and Graduation. While we do not know yet whether we will be able to keep our original dates for these three events, we have taken steps to plan for alternate dates should we need them. ***The alternate dates will be used ONLY in the event that we are unable to hold these events in May as originally planned.*** We share these with you so that you may plan ahead and reserve these dates.

ALTERNATE DATES

- **July 14, 2020 – Senior Honors Night**
- **July 17, 2020 - Prom (usual rules apply regarding who can attend)**
- **July 18, 2020 - Graduation**

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Please also note that in the event we are unable to bring large groups together by the July dates provided, we are also working on other virtual opportunities to celebrate our seniors. However, at this time, it is my greatest hope to provide our students with face-to-face experiences.

Should we face additional cancellations in April and May, I hope you understand that it will not be possible to reschedule all events, but I do believe we owe it to our seniors to try to preserve these important milestones, if possible.

FOOD SUPPORT

We are so very fortunate in this area to have outstanding community support. Please be aware that our food pantries are still operating at this time if you need assistance. If you do not need assistance but have shelf-stable food that you can spare, please consider donating to our pantries so that they might continue to support those in need.

- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY** - On Thursday evenings at the St. Francis Ministry Center from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Please note, the Harvest Room Sunday evening dinners have been suspended indefinitely at this time.
- **ALPINE CHAPEL** - 23153 W. Miller Rd, has a food pantry available from 9am-noon every Saturday

In addition, District 95 continues to provide meal assistance for students in need.

- **MEAL ASSISTANCE FROM DISTRICT 95** - Starting Monday, March 23, 2020, as long as the State allows it, District 95 will be providing bagged grab-and-go breakfast and lunches to families in need of meal assistance during the COVID-19 related school closures.

PICK-UP LOCATION

Lake Zurich High School – Door #12, on the west side of the building. Please enter via the main high school driveway and follow the signs.

TIME

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PICK-UP DAYS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

ELIGIBILITY

Children age 18 and under, and Special Education students age 21 and under.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, the District will provide 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches per child. On Fridays the District will provide 1 breakfast and 1 lunch per child. Families will be met at the curb and should not exit their vehicles.

If you are unable to pick up the grab-and-go meals but would still like your child to receive meals, we are trying to offer delivery via a school bus drop off at your home. If circumstances allow for a home/neighborhood delivery, we need your information. Please provide information

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via clicking this link [Meal Assistance](#). Alternatively, you may call 847-540-4943 or email BusinessOffice@lz95.org – leave a message with your contact name, number of children, address and phone number. Delivery is planned to take place from 10am to noon. If we are unable to complete home/neighborhood delivery, we will contact you.

As always, thank you for your unwavering support. I will be communicating in greater detail once we receive our guidance from the State.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelley Gallt

Superintendent